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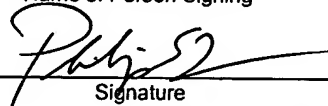
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the art identified on attached form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith is cited in connection with the captioned application. The applicants hereby request the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art. Copies of the following references are provided:

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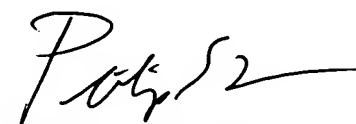
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Applicants believe that their DATA STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK FOR USE WITH EXERCISE UNITS as described and claimed in the present application is neither taught nor suggested by this art. Accordingly, applicants' invention is believed to be patentable over these references.

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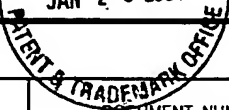
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